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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1355**

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**Introduced by Senator Runner**

February 24, 2012

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An act to add Section 12813.5 to the Vehicle Code, relating to ~~veterans~~ *vehicles*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1355, as amended, Runner. ~~Veterans: driver's license: designation.~~  
~~Vehicles: driver's licenses: veterans.~~

Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue driver's licenses to qualified individuals containing specified information.

This bill would require the department to include the designation "VETERAN" on a driver's license issued to a veteran who requests the designation and provides proof of his or her military service and honorable discharge.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 12813.5 is added to the Vehicle Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 12813.5. (a) The department shall include the designation
- 4 "VETERAN" on a driver's license issued to a veteran in an
- 5 available space on the face of the driver's license if both of the
- 6 following *conditions* are satisfied:

1 (1) The veteran requests the designation.

2 (2) The veteran provides proof, as determined by the department,  
3 of his or her military service and honorable discharge.

4 ~~(b) For the purposes of this section, “veteran” means a person~~  
5 ~~who has served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, or~~  
6 ~~Marine Corps of the United States, or the California National Guard~~  
7 ~~as established pursuant to Chapter 3 (commencing with Section~~  
8 ~~210) of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Military and Veterans Code.~~

9 *(b) As used in this section, “veteran” has the same meaning as*  
10 *that term is defined in Section 980 of the Military and Veterans*  
11 *Code.*